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## Long Beach Man Convicted of Murder In Racially Motivated Attack

A 67-year-old Long Beach man has been convicted of a racially motivated murder and the attempted murder of a police officer in 2012, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Darryl Harnish is facing 85 years to life in state prison when he returns for sentencing on March 25 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Department 125 in case NAO92007. He has remained in custody since his arrest in April 2012.

Deputy District Attorney Jack Garden with the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section prosecuted the case.

A jury deliberated one day before finding Harnish guilty on Feb. 11 of the first-degree murder of Terry Alexander, the attempted murder of Long Beach Police Officer Arthur Vega and one count of assault with a semiautomatic firearm of a peace officer. The jury also found true gun allegations.

Garden said that shortly after midnight on April 19, 2012, Harnish yelled racial slurs and threatened to kill three African-Americans sitting on a bus bench at Pacific Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. As Alexander rode his bike towards Harnish, the defendant pulled out a gun and fired twice, killing him.

Garden said Officer Vega was about a block away when he heard the gun shots. When he arrived at the scene, Harnish turned and fired twice at the officer. One bullet hit the police vehicle's hood and a second went through the windshield. Officer Vega was not struck.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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